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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following amendments and remarks are proposed in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 03, 2006.

Claims 1-3, 7-10, and 15-30 are currently pending in the application, and all claims stand rejected. Applicants propose herein to amend claims 1-3, 7, 10, 15, 20, 23, and 28. Applicants also propose to amend the specification, as set forth below.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments set forth herein and the accompanying remarks.